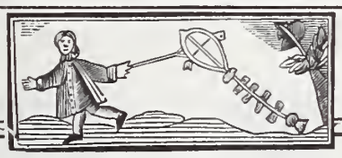
WENDELL POST

On May 8, 1781, the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts approved the incorporation of the Town of Wendell. The town was made up of land that was formerly parts of the towns of Shutesbury, Ervingshire, and Montague. Judge Oliver Wendell of Boston gave his name to the town and a bell to its first meeting house. 200 years ago, the first Town Meeting was held at the house of Johnathon Osgood, who was the meeting's first moderator.



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Election Calendar

CANDIDATES' NIGHT
Thursday, April 30--7:30pm
PRE-TOWN MEETING
Friday, May 8--8:00pm
ELECTION
Monday, May 4, 1981
Polls Open--12:00noon to 8:00 pm
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Saturday, May 9--10:00am

TOWN MEETING ~ 1981 ~

Wendell's 1981 Annual Town Meeting will feature a new face with which to reckon, Proposition 2 1/2. This new law creates a limit to the amount Wendell taxpayers can be taxed (see details in box). Since the beginning of this year, town departments have been working to tailor their fiscal 1982 budgets to the constraints of this law. May 9, the Town Meeting will have its turn.

Finances are not the only articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. A non-binding ballot referendum will indicate the towns desire to remain in the Mahar Regional School District. In their published report, the Wendell School Study Committee recommends that we stay because of the cost of a move and because they see improvement in the conditions that caused Mahar to lose its accreditation.

A new bylaw to control the use of herbicides and pesticides in Wendell is on the meeting warrant. Also offered is a proposal to fund a bounty on gypsy moth eggs. A plan for a private burial ground a at the Diemand family farm will be presented for approval.

In order to meet the levy limit significant cuts have been made in two major departments -- schools and the highway department.

A SERIALIZED BICENTENNIAL FEATURE

Recollections Of A Nonagenarian

BY: Jonas Wilder

While I was at work at Bloody Brook, the Williams Indians came down from Canada, and camped on the river bank. A real pretty young squaw took me out on the river in a birch bark canoe, and we had a good time. I was interested in the story of the destruc-

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Revaluation Again?

When Wendell taxpayers opened their tax bills in 1978, they reacted in a storm of protest over the revaluations assessed their property. The Mass. Dept. of Revenue has now notified the Wendell Assessors that the result of that court-ordered revaluation are inadequate.

State officials are concerned that valuations for property are not in line with the prices for property sold during the last three years. The ratio between these two values finds the valuations falling short by more than 10%. Further, they are complaining that the process for setting valuations is not acceptable to the Dept. of Revenue.

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Opinion

Birthdays No. 4 @ 200

This issue marks a special occasion for the Wendell Post and for the town of Wendell. We are both celebrating birthdays.

In four years of publication the Wendell Post has seen changes and growth in our operation. At late night sessions when fixing one more correction seemed an insurmountable task, paper and ink yeilded time after time to some magic that brought another issue together. Even then, mistakes escaped our attention, but our readers have continued to respond with kind support.

There have been literally scores of people who have shared the work of meeting yet another deadline. Whether they are the diligent and saintly, patient typists, or the numerous contientious contributors, or our forebearing printer, dozens of people share in the gratitude the Wendell Post has received.

Even at this milestone, our anniversary is humbled by another remarkable birthday, Wendell's 200th. Such an achievement is obviously worth noting and due some contemplation.

Wendell is populated by many people who give serious thought and care to what Wendell is and to what it might be. Maybe in our historic year it would be fruitful for our future if we took a close look at our past.

Some facts stand out in my thinking. Wendell was once a town where 2000 people lived (although one-third or more of the land was not then owned by the State Forest). Places we now think of as wilderness supported light industries other than forest product manufacture. A hundred years ago 16 sawmills buzzed in our woods powered by water or steam. There used to be a printer of children's books. Trains from as far away as Boston unloaded weekenders at Wendell Depot for summer-time blueberry picking.

I have no illusions that the good-ole-times will or should repeat themselves. But our past does show that there are ways to survive on this rocky soil. Some of the resources of the past remain today -- maybe they can flourish again. Imagination and a respect for those resources might provide a design for our future. If we learn the breadth of our past, maybe we can broaden the scope of our tomorrow.

A lesson of 200 winters in Wendell is endurance. Wendell posesses the heart of a survivor. We have reasons to celebrate. Happy Birthday Wendell!

Michael Idoine

Auto Observance

It was brought to my attention that there are people in town who do not register their cars in town. The benefits of registering in Wendell should be known:

The more cars registered in town by Wendell citizens means we get more gas tax reimbursed from the state.

Chapter 90 funds are determined by the number of cars registered in town and the miles of roads in town.

In dealing with 2½ we are going to be able to just maintain our roads this year, so any monies will help us. We all have to register and pay an excise tax on our cars, so why not pay it to our town where we live and where we will benefit from the money ourselves.

A reminder: All insurance rates are climbing. Any accident that involves a police report will insure that the rates go higher.

Try to leave a few minutes earlier and go slower rather than to speed. Take the time to enjoy looking at Wendell. It's 200 years old!

Anne Diemand

Dedication

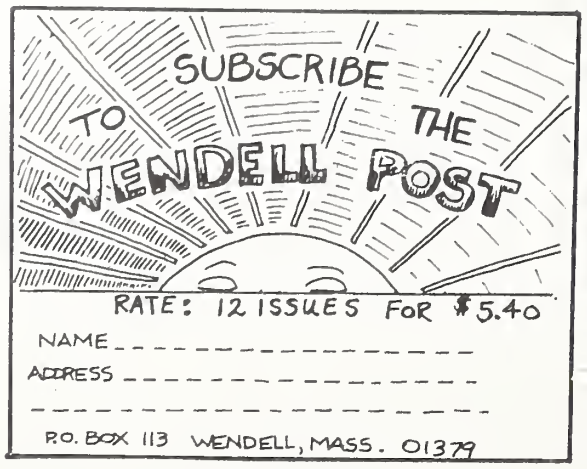
This Birthday Edition of the Wendell Post is dedicated in the honor of Annie M. Burnham of Wendell, who became 96 years old this month.

Hanora May Burnham, or Annie M. Burnham, as she is now known, has made her home in Wendell since the early 1920's, when she and her husband, Ray Burnham and daughter Adeline moved to town to be close to Mr. Burnham's new job at the Erving Paper Mill.

Around 1935, Mr. Burnham remodeled the house across the street and they moved into the home where Mrs. Burnham has now lived for about 46 years. It is fortunate that they did move, for the Hurricane of '38 washed the origional house down the river, leaving just the cellar hole that is still visible today. Mr. Burnham passed away in 1958. Daughter Adeline Jefferson lives with Mrs. Burnham in the Depot; they are are respected in this community.

Thank you to Mrs. Jefferson's daughter, Gail, who related information for this dedication, as well as other stories of Wendell.

Many of Wendell's old families are gone. Those of us who are new here must seek out the ties to the wholesome farming community of old or the stories will not be handed down.



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Expenses	Apr. 1, 1980 - Mar. 31, 1981
printing	$825.00
mailing	$ 24.04
photographs	$105.88
office materials	$122.13
total	$1,077.25
Income	
subscription and renewals	$108.00
distribution	$270.71
advertising	$690.00
contributions	$ 0
fund raisings	$280.00
interest	$ 12.42
total	$1,373.55
net gain or loss	+ $ 296.30

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Town Meeting ... from Pg. 1

About $41,341 or 15.2% has been eliminated from the assessments to Wendell from last years figure for all of Wendell's school programs. The highway budget will be presented with an approximate 15% cut from last year's appropriations. Besides cuts in material budgets, some savings is hoped for from a proposed plan to employ the dump custodian for highway work on a part-time basis.

Salaries for town officials will largely be held to last years levels -- about $20,000 total. Town interest and insurance will cost another $24,000. Reduced hours at the dump will save about $3,8000 from last years $18,557 budget for health and sanitation.

Protection of persons and property will show decline in their budgets of as much as 15%. $2,350 is recommended to fund the shared administrative assistant. Another $10,00 is slated to be added to the stabilization fund which is designed as a "nest-egg" for future major capital expenses.

Proposals for using our federal revenue sharing funds include requests for a new town hall well, a used tanker truck for the Fire Dept., a used backhoe for the Highway Dept., and a new Town Garage. Prices for these items are not yet firm.
(See pg. 5 for full text of Annual Town Meeting Warrant).

(See full text of by-law as it appears in the Town Meeting Warrant on page 6)

Revaluation ... Cont. from Pg. 1

It is too soon to to tell what effect this new order might have on tax bills. Higher valuations may be offset by lower tax rates yeilding similiar taxes. It is clear that the state's demand will place an increased burden on the Wendell Board of Assessors.

The new valuation process would involve a redesign of the method of collecting data, not to mention, the reassessment of every property in town.

This past March, Jeff d'Ambly of the Dept. of Revenue met with the Wendell Assessors to explain the reasons for and their expectations of a revaluation. He said that the department wants, "appraisals that can be justified, records that are clear, and a system that can be passed on to succeeding assessors." The Dept. wants this work done by 1983.

Pliny Stebbins, a Wendell assessor says that the Board's plans to meet this demand are not yet firm. "The board is not yet clear about the extent of the discrepancy that has to be corrected and we don't have guidelines for exactly what the Dept. wants in the way of a system," he explained. Stebbins noted, " The Assessors will have hearings once the data from the state is in, in order to explain the problem. We will want to get input on how they (Wendell taxpayers) feel the process (revaluation) should proceed.

They expect this information to be in by the summer.

Recollections ... Cont. from Pg. 1

tion of Deerfield, and the tale of the massacre at Bloody Brook. I spent some time in clerking country stores, and in 1840 I began business in New Ipswich, having a store, and making cigars ink, blacking, essences, perfumery etc., keeping eleven two-horse teams engaged in selling. I sold out in 1843 and began contracting, in constructing the Vermont Central and Ogdensburg railroad. I soon became a traveling agent for the Ogdensburg road. I introduced the first refrigerator cars, and was able to organize a transportation company, having twelve propellers and ten sailing vessels, operating through the lakes and the Welladd Canal. In 1852 I became superintendent of the railroad from Rutland, Vt., to Albany, and, making arrangements with the opposition to the Boston and Albany through to Boston I introduced the first coupon ticket ever used, over that route. I overworked, and was compelled to withdraw from the management. The directors presented me with $400 on account of my sucessful management of the road. I then purchased a large tract of wood land, opened a country store, and contracted to furnish the railroad company with wood, for three years I took two of my nephews as clerks to aid me. I regained my health, sold out my goods, rented my store and built me a house a West Rupert Vt.

When I was 70 years old I was persuaded again take up rail roading, going to Virginia, where with Dr. Bailey, we built a road from nine miles above Jamestown, fifty-five miles into the country and operated for two years. Then The Doctor sold that out and we built and operated a road from Bristol, Va., running seventy miles to Big Stone Gap in Wise County. I remained here ten years, and then came north. I had at Bristol 700 acres of land on which was a good iron mine, and two houses. All this I gave to my two boys, all the children I I have. My wife had died in 1874 My friend the Doctor had a run-down farm, at Billerica, Ma., and I undertook to bring this up, so as to be of value. There was a good deal of fruit and a cranberry bog on the farm. I put the buildings in good condition, improved the farm, and in 1898 Dr. Baily died, and staying through the year, I cleared from the farm $2,500 which I paid over to his widow. In 1899 I came to Wood stock, Vt., to live with my sons. One is cashier of a bank, owner of the village water supply, and manages a large hotel.

It is one of the privileges which old people have, to talk of themselves. What they say may to some appear egotistic, garrulous. I will venture further to say, that nearly all my life, I have been the employer of labor, and at times have had a thousand under my control. In all this time I never had the least trouble. I have always aimed to be just to capital, just to labor, just to the public, as each contributed to pay me for my services. I never had occasion to ask for advance in my salary, and never complained that I was not fairly paid for my services.

So much for my personal history. Now I would like to give you some idea of the way people lived in my younger days.

Until early in the nineteenth century the minister and the expenses of the meetinghouses were paid by the whole town, out of the money raised by the general tax. There were a few well organized Baptist churches, which were supported by contributions from adherents of that faith. There came a split in the Congregational churches, and after years of wrangling, in those towns in which the liberal feeling prevailed, the minority would withdraw and organize an orthodox church, the majority becoming Unitarian in faith and retaining the church property. In other towns, the majority being othodox, the property would remain with them, and the Unitarians would withdraw and form a new society. My old home town, Wendell, remained othodox, and New Salem became Unitarian. So after these church quarrels, quite a number of people, generally of the poorer class, who lived in Wendell, became Mormons. There had been no revelation then regarding polygamy; these people just believed the Bible, and that Joe Smith was inspoired, in addition. The most of those that joined were pretty poor---made baskets, picked berries, and though not bad people, were easily influenced. One large family went with others gathering in the Gennessee valley, in New York State. Thirty-six left in covered wagons, at one time. These finally removed to Nauvoo, Ill., and some of them eventually to Salt Lake City. I remember that two boys by the name of West went from Wendell.

To be continued.....

THE STORY OF ALBERT THE FROG WHO WAS CHILLY

By Broadus Mitchell for Louis Dyer

He was only a young frog, the youngest on West Road. All summer he had fun in our garden, catching live food and making rhymes. He would say

Now I'll eat this juicy fly
He was foolish to come by
or
O this lovely summer morn
I am glad that I was born

Albert lived under our stone steps. All summer long I was careful not to step on him or let him get in the way of the grass cutter. Then it began to be cold in November, and Albert sang

♪ I wish I had a wooly coat ♪
♪ Like a lambkin or a goat. ♪

All Albert had was a crinkly grey green skin and a few warts. Warts are little hard bumps that come out on the skin and after a while go away. You have no warts. Albert carried some dead grass under the steps to make a bed, but the rain fell in and the snow blew in and Albert could not sleep at night. He decided to ask older frogs what he could do to keep warm, as he had never been through a winter before.

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~ Posting Place ~

Outdoor Experience

On May 9th and 10th there will be a Womens Twenty Four hour Experience near the Quabbin Reservoir in Petersham inorder to explore the cycle of a total day. The trip will be leaving and returning from Greenfield Community College in Greenfield, Ma. For more information, call Lanore Anderson 413-247-5071 or Bertha Petruski 413-367-2300.

OLD HOME DAYS

'ON THE COMMON'

Old Home Day is being sponsored by the Wendell Post and the Wendell Fire Association. July 25 is the date decided for the event. We need people with ideas for games, booths, and other things to do during the day. Meetings will be at Anne Diemand's house on May 7th and 21st and June 4th & 18 at 7 PM. Any ideas, comments or just to talk about it please call Anne at 4-7347.

Traders!

Hey, Hey, time to start thinking about doing some trading during Old Home Day. Last year was a big success. Who was that kid that got a knife for some cloth & a few beads; or the guy that got a car radio for a beer and a frank? Don't take my word, ask Myron about his trade with me.

For more information, call Michael Mac 544-3638.

WENELL DELTA BLUES

On April 22nd at the Hot-L Warren in South Deerfield our ears got a real treat. Hometown Catfish Perry Howarth & Bluesman Myron Becker put on a memorable show. Good time was had by all. Let's hope we get to hear these good ole boys again soon

E+E Adventure!!
Flea Market
Great Spring Bargains
Open
Thurs.-Sun. 10-5
Center of Millers Falls

3 Bedroom Ranch - 2.75 acres - house trailer + barn on the lot also. Fairman Rd. Orange $41,900.00

4 Bedroom Farmhouse - Barn - Garage nearly 3 Acres - Holtshire Rd. Orange $41,900.00

listings wanted.

Daniel B. Hammock
Real Estate eve. + weekends 617-544-2749

Vital Statistics

Births

Brian Karl Puchalski, son of Ronald John and Deborah Kirk Burns Puchalski was born on March 19, 1981 at 7:42 P.M. at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton.

Land Transfers

1/ 2/81	Frank J. Culley to Frank J. and Margaret Culley, 20 acres on Jennison Rd.
1/14/81	Cerosimo Lumber Co. to Mark V. Marschall, 2.17 acres on Jennison Rd.
1/16/81	Chester E. Clark to Thomas M.J. and Shane M. Devine, 40 acres off Mormon Hollow Rd.
1/28/81	Louis A. & Michael V. Greco to Jimmy L. Fikes & Sharon A. Dabrowski, 9.58 acres , Lockes Village Rd.
1/29/81	Thomas C. Knowles & Barry Burgess to Eugene R. & Janet Knowles, 2 acres east side of Locke Hill Rd.
1/29/81	Eugene R. & Janet Knowles to Mark J. Wingertsman, 22 acres on east side of Locks Hill Rd.
3/5/81	Josephine McAvoy & Beverly Trousdale to Josephine McAvoy, William & Beverly TTrousdale 104 acres on Lockes Village Rd.
3/23/81	Wendell Wilderness, Inc. to Janet Burstein 138.8 acres off Lockes Village Road.

Police Log

3/21/81	Break in at Swift River School; 2 subjects arrested.

Fire Log

3- 9-81	Falsc Alarm
3-12-81	Cellar pump; Maple Valley School, Farley Rd.
3-19-81	Bourbeau residence; brush fire, Old Wendell Rd., illegal burning.
3-21-81	Bill Hall residence; New Salem Rd.; smoke investigation.
3-28-81	Cappelluzo residence; West Rd., brush fire.
4- 1-81	Koehler residence; Bear Mt. Rd.; illegal burning, brush fire.
4-1 -81	Railroad fire; west of Farley Crossing.
4-11-81	First aid call behind Leo Jones house, Locks Village Rd.

Swift River Notes

All School Theme

The shared learning of last year's nutrition theme, which culminated in the Nutrition Fair, seemed so valuable that we have decided to involve the whole school again in studying a common theme. This year the theme will be "shelter". Each class will look at the idea of shelter from a different perspective, study it in some depth from that perspective and share its learning with the rest of the school and interested parents and community members.

Children seem to benefit from the variety of experience set forth the meaningful contact with children of other ages and skills and the enthusiasm which builds as the whole school investigates a common theme.

Two Science Grant Proposals

Staff at Swift River School have applied for two grants in the area of science. One grant is for more teachers' resources. They will aid in teaching science through a combination of textbook and active learning experiences. The second proposal is aimed at further developing a well-rounded science curriculum using textbooks and kits.

WANTED:

Musicians
Actors/Actresses
Writers
Theatre-buffs
Audio/Lighting Experts
IDEAS!!

Your talents and abilities, ideas and participation, are urgently needed to help make Wendell's 200th birthday a memorable event. Contact Jean Weber, Chair, Bicentennial Committee, for further information. (4-3583)

Green River Cafe'
Breakfast · M-F
6:30AM-11:30AM
Lunch · M-F
11:30AM-2:30PM
Dinner and Live Music
Fri. + Sat. 6PM-9PM
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☆ Town Meeting 1981 ☆

Election, Monday, May 4, 1981

Article 1: To choose all on one ballot one Planning Board Member for five years; one Selectman, one Assessor, one School Committee Member, two Library Trustees, one Board of Health Member, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer one Tax Collector for three years; one School Committee Member, two Library Trustees for two years; one School Committee Member, one Library Trustee, one planning board member,one Moderator, one Auditor one Tree Warden for one year, or take any action thereon.

Article 2: Question 1. Do you think Wendell should stay in the Mahar Regional School District? Yes __ No __ This is a non binding public opinion question.

Polls open 12:00 noon and shall close at 8:00

Bussines Meeting

The business meeting for action on Article 3 thru 40 shall be held on Saturday, May 9,1981 at 10:00

Article 3: To hear the report of Town Officials, or take any action thereon.

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July1, 1981, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action thereon.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officials of the Town for the financial year beginning July1, 1981, as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray such salaries and expensis of General Government for that period, or take any action thereon.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Salary, Holiday and Vacation Pay for the Highway Surveyor, or take any action thereon.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Holiday and Vacation Pay for the Department of Public Works Employees, or take any action thereon.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve account to the Reserve Account or take any action thereon.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money to defray Unclassified Town Expenses, or take any action thereon.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money and transfer the sum of $4,170.00 from Road Machinery Earnings to the Road Machinery Maintenance and Operation Account, or take any action thereon.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $797.35 of anti-recession funds from the town garage account to the road machinery maintenance and operation account, or take any action thereon.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate such sums of money to defray Local Road Expenses, or take any action thereon.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Farley Road Permanent Work, or take any action thereon.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the sum of $17,732.00 or such other sum that may be made available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works for Fiscal 1982 Chapter 90 type construction, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to raise and appropriate or appropriate such sums as may be needed, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the sum of $9,807.00 that has been made available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter570 of the Acts of 1980 and to authorize the Selectmen to enter appropriate or otherwise provide for such sums, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money to maintain Town Real Property, or take any action thereon.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for protection of Persons and Property, or take any action thereon.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money and to appropriate the Dog Fund, for Library Expenses, or take any action thereon.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the sum of $1,250.00, specified as "Direct State Aid to Public Libraries," from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any action thereon.

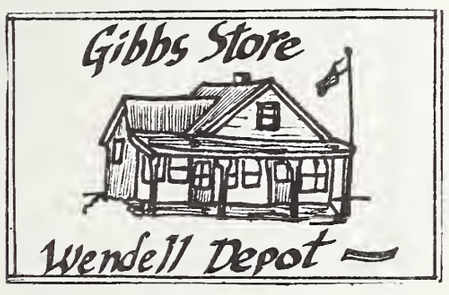
Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Interest, Insurance and Assessment, or take any action thereon.

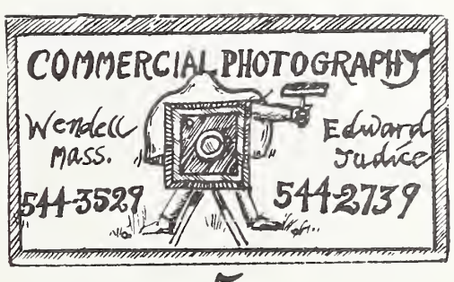
Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Health and Sanitation, or take any action thereon.

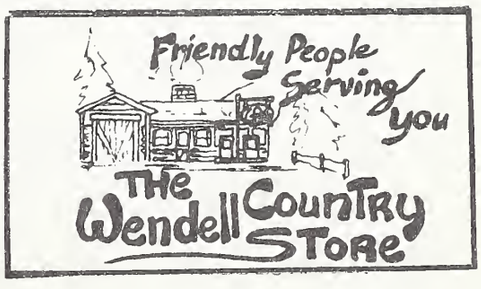
Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money, incl. interest, for Cemeteries, or take any action thereon.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Veteran's Benefits and Services, or take any action thereon.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for Schools and Education, or take any action thereon.







Town Warrant Cont.....

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for payment of Principal and Interest of the New Salem Wendell Union School Bond, or take any action thereon.

Article 26: To see if the Town of Wendell will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of $2,500. as the Town's share of the Shared Administrative Assistant Program, to accept any other funds as may be available to support said program during fiscal year 1982, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a cooperative agreement as prescribed by GL Chapter 40, Section 4A for the programs administration and management or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to purchase Indemnification Insurance to protect our public officials from non- fraudulent acts of errors of ommission within the responsibilities of their office, or take any action thereon.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereon.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $5o.00 for the following reason: Because the Town of Wendell stands opposed to the use of insecticides for purposes other than agricultural or domestic, a bounty will be offered to collectors of Gypsy Moth Eggs at $1 per 2lb. can, up to a sum total of $50.00 this season. We want this to set a precedent for other county towns since insects and insecticides know no boundries. This sum is subject to change upon popularity of the program or if all $50.00 is distributed before the egg season ends. All eggs are to be delivered to - a selectperson, a member of the board of health, a gypsy moth supervisor or if in large quantities, to the fire dept. for proper disposal by burning. A receipt will be given which can be cashed at Town Treasurer's or take any action thereon.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Wendell School Study Committee, or take any action thereon.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds a sum of money to have a new well drilled for and water system installed into the Town Hall, or take any action thereon.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds a sum of money to be used to purchase and equip a used tank truck for the Fire Dept., or take any action thereon

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds a sum of money to be used to purchase a used back-hoe for the Highway Department, or take any action thereon.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Town Garage/Fire Station Study Committee, or take any action thereon.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the planning, purchase of property and construction of a new Town Garage/Fire Station, or take any action thereon.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following pesticide Bylaw:

Article 1. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this bylaw to establish rules of general applicability for the use of pesticides in the Town of Wendell for the purpose of protecting the health, environment and safety of the citizens of the Town of Wendell.

It is the further purpose of this bylaw to afford the Town an opportunity to acquire data, views and arguments relative to the utilization of pesticides in the Town of Wendell and to allow reasonable access to information and data relating to those pesticides to be utilized.

It is the further purpose of this bylaw to establish verification that those pesticides utilized in the Town of Wendell are in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, included, but not limited to, the Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act and the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Article 2. Prohibited Distributions.

No person shall distribute, apply, handle, dispose of, discard or store any pesticide in such manner as to cause injury to humans, vegetation, environment or to pollute or contaminate any water supply, waterway, ground water or waterbody.

Article 3. Conformance, Procedure, Notice.

Any person who intends to utilize a pesticide (hereinafter "applicant") within the Town of Wendell shall first give written notice to the Board of Health (hereinafter "Board") ninety (90) days prior to the time said pesticide is to be utilized.

The aforesaid notice to the Board shall contain the following:

1. The name and chemical make-up of the pesticide to be utilized.
2. The date or dates the pesticide is to be utilized.
3. The method of application.
4. The location that the pesticide is to be utilized.
5. The purpose of the utilization of said pesticide.
6. The names and addresses of all abutters to the location at which the pesticide is to be utilized.

The Board shall hold a public hearing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the aforesaid notice at which time the applicant shall be present The Board shall afford interested persons an opportunity to present data, views and arguments in support of and in opposition to said utilization. The applicant shall be prepared to provide reasonable access to data relating to said pesticide and shall further be prepared to provide verification that the applicant has complied with the Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act.

Notice of said public hearing shall be posted by the Board in at least three (3) public places within the Town and shall be given in writing to the abutters fourteen (14) days prior to said hearing.

The Board may from time to time adopt rules relating to the procedures to utilized at said public hearing.

The Board, after said hearing, shall make a determination as to whether the applicant has comlied with the Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act and that the application of the pesticide presented to the Board is not a danger to the health, environment or safety to the citizens of the Town of Wendell.

Futher, if the Board determines that the pesticide presented to the Board by the applicant is unsafe and presents a danger or a possible danger to the health, environment or safety to the citizens of the town, or is in violation of Article 2 of this bylaw, the Board may formulate and prescribe condition(s) for the application of said pesticide. Said condition(s) shall be for the purpose of protecting the health, environment and

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safety to the citizens of the Town of Wendell and shall be consistant with but not limited to those restrictions put forth in the Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act. Compliance with said condition (s) prescribed by the Board shall be a prerequisite for the applicant's use of the pesticide.

It is contemplated that said condition(s) may include, but are not intended to be limited to, such items as time of application, weather conditions, area of application, population density, proximity to groups, etc.

Article 4. Administration.

Section 1. This bylaw shall be enforced by the Board of Health for town of Wendell. A violator of any provision of this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of not more than $200. each day, or a portion thereof, during which the violation continues.

Section 2. The invalidity of any article, section or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof.

Section 3. Where the application of this bylaw imposes greater restrictions than those imposed by any other regulation, the provisions of this bylaw shall control.

This bylaw shall not apply to agricultural or domestic uses.

Article 5. Definitions.

For the purposes of this bylaw, definitions shall be as the context and general use require unless otherwise set forth.

Pesticide: A substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest, and any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant; provided that the term "pesticide" shall not include any biological or inert substance.

Person: An individual, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or its political subdivision, administrative agencies public or quasi-public corporation or body, or any other legal entity or its legal representative.

Domestic Use: Any application which is incidental and accessory to use for the applicant's principle place of residence.

Agricultural Use: Any application which is incidental and accessory to use for agriculture or farming as defined in Section 1A of Chapter 128 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Application: The distribution of, application of, handling of, disposal of, discarding of, or storage of a pesticide.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 30 of the March 5, 1946 Annual Town Meeting, or take any action thereon. (Article 30 was voted as follows: Voted to have the Assessors prepare a valuation list to be printed in the Town Report next year and every five years thereafter.)

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to have the Assessors prepare the valuation list to be printed, or take any action thereon.

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to permit the Diemand Family Cemetery Corp. to use private land for the purpose of burial, the location of the land intended for such use having been approved in writing by the Wendell Board of Health, or take any action thereon.

Article 40: To transact any other legal business that may come before said meeting.

☆ Related Articles ☆

Local Spray Control 1981

Last November Massachusetts Attorney General Bellotti disapproved three by-laws passed by the 1980 Wendell Town Meeting. These by-laws were intended to ban and control the use of pesticides and herbicides in Wendell. A redrawn by-law will be presented to the 1981 Town Meeting for its approval.

This year's by-law was designed in large part through the efforts of selectman, Ken Simos and town counsel, John Gates. In Simos's words, the bylaw has been made, "to provide local control that would give immediate protection in the case of perceived danger", in the use of these chemicals. Simos feels that neither the Mass. Pesticide Control Board nor the Federal EPA are able to provide that protection, their review process taking years.

Featured in the new by-law provisions for local review of a questionable chemical, local enforcement power, and means for public hearings in such cases. Right to access to data from applicators or manufacturers would be provided, as well as, notice to affected abutters. Violators would be subject to a $200 a day fine for each day of violation.

The attorney general's office rejected the 1980 by-laws citing the presumptive privilege of state and federal agencies and regulations. Simos feels however that this principle has not been tested in the courts and that the local control issue must be addressed.

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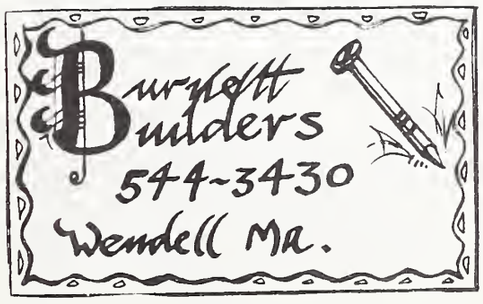
Passage of Proposition 2-1/2, technically proposition 2, on last November's election ballot has had a strong impact on town budget proposals and negotiations this year. It will also limit the amount of money the 1981 Town Meeting may appropriate to be raised by taxes.

Proposition 2 was essentially designed to set property and auto excise tax rates at a maximum $25tax/$1,000 property value or 2-1/2% of the full and fair cash value of a town's total taxable property as of January 1, 1981. In the case of a town, such as Wendell whose rate is already less than the $25/$1,000 , it will be required to return to its 1979 tax rate. How this is to be implemented is not a completely straight forward process, but it is not too complicated if you accept the ground rules set up by the Mass. Dept. of Revenue.

1. Because there are discrepancies in our "full and fair cash values" (and those of many towns in the Commonwealth) the Dept.of Revenue has decided to use 1980 Total Equalized Valuations in setting levy limits for the towns. Wendell's value is $12,670,000
2. To help ease the squeeze the Dept. of Revenue multiplied this figure by 13% (to adjust for inflation) = $14,300,000
3. This figure (now assumed to represent our full and fair cash value) was multiplied by our 1979 tax rate $18.503 tax/$1,000 value = $264,907, Wendell's Preliminary Tax Levy Limit.
4. Our fiscal 1981 tax levy was $253,765 as appropriated by our 1980 Town Meeting
5. Because this figure is less than the $264,907 (see step #3) we are allowed to raise last year's tax levy by 2-1/2% ($6,344) which = $260,109 , our Adjusted Tax Levy Limit for fiscal year 1982.
6. This figure, the 1981 Town Meeting is not allowed to exceed in its appropriations to be financed by tax levy.
7. Any other appropriations must be financed from other sources.



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CAMPAIGN STATMENTS

All candidates for Wendell town offices were contacted and invited to make a public statement in the Post. The following statements are from the candidates who chose to accept. Pictures are included where desired by the candidate in the contested races.

Selectmen - 3 years

Kennith Simmons

It's a truism, that you can be any kind of selectman you want to be, but today there is only one kind that can do the job. The once popular phrase, "Well, the people voted it." is no comfort to fiscal disaster and no excuse for incompetence. When I first became a selectman, Wendell was on the verge of a long downhill financial slide. I did not take a philosophical view of that prospect then and I don't now, although I should point out that, today Wendell is in an excellent fiscal position. Since the very beginning of my term, I have tried to shape a fiscal policy, where there was none. I have had some success, but not without resistance. When the majority on controversial issues was clear and the funds voted, I have carried out their mandate and that too caused some resentment, but I can assure all of you, that today the integrity and determination of this community is known and respected even beyond this county.

We are meeting the challanges of a rapidly changing commonwealth where mistakes are very costly. There is no room for approximate government. Liability, certification and tax cap have changed all that.

Wendell is growing and will one day be a very fine and prosperous community. A good place for people and families. I can help and I'm asking you to give me anotner term to do it.

David Bardsley

Mr. Bardsley did not chose to make a statement.

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Assessor - 3 years

June Lewis

I was asked why I was running ning for Assessor. At first I couldn't say why.

The pay is so low, it is almost pitiful. The work is close to over-whelming. The aggravation is enough to make a grown man cry, from nasty letters, to phone calls that come when you are either: in the shower, sleeping, eating or on your way out the door for an appointment you are already late for.

But, on the other hand, it is the best education you can get. You learn to deal with everyone from State officials to the man-on - the- street. You learn the how and why of the mountains of forms that the State demands from its cities and towns. But most important, you learn that someone has to do the job, and hopefully, do it well. After three years of frustration, aggravation and learning, I think I've learned to do it well.

Raymond Avery

Once upon a time in Wendell there lived a Board of Assessors that started their work in December and finished in February. Thus it was possible for the tax bills to be mailed by June. Now this procedure seems to be delayed further each year and now our bills arrive with Santa, our valentines and perhaps next year with the Easter Bunny. Perhaps we can look forward to a year when there will be only one bill covering two years, but alas it is not to be. Rather we will receive two years bills in one year, both due and payable 30 days from date. It is impossible to correct this situation in 1 year, perhaps not in 2, but for the good of the community a start should be made.

Also this is the year that the Assessors publish their valuation list in the town report to enable the town people an opportunity to check not only their own values but also that of their neighbors. From experience I have found that publishing this information every 5 years helps keep the Assessors on their toes. This publishing was mandated by a vote of the annual town meeting in March 1946, and should be eagerly awaited by all Wendell taxpayers.

Thank you for your attention

School Committee - 3 years

Judith Putman

Wendell has been faced with some difficult educational decisions. I would like to continue serving the town as a school committee member with fairness and integrity.

School Committee - 2 years

Joe Diemand

I feel that I offer quite a few qualifications that do not presently exist on our school committee. I have previously been a bus contracter, having worked on the other side of present adminstration, working for both Cooke and Lubinski. Also, I have been self employed in town since 1970, serving the needs of Wendell and Franklin County through Mormon Hollow Auto. I feel that some changes have to be made in the philosophy that now exists, namely, more of the reading, writing and arithmetic that we as children were taught may be better for educating our young. Most of you people know me and those of you who don't, feel free to call or drop by.

School Committee - 1 year

Sandra Bardsley

The reason I'm running for the one year term is to see how involved the School Committee is and to next year possibly run for the three year term.

Library Trustee - 3 years

Marion Herrick

The joy of being a trustee is that one can have a small part in making available to all the ideas of the last 2500 years. It would seem that we should have access to the accomplishments of the world's best minds in writing as well as in music. Both are available. Our small collection of records is supplemented by those that the Bookmobile brings as it renews our supply of books every few weeks. Thru our state aid and sympathetic backing from the town, our little Library is able to purchase books for its permanent collection also.

As the costs of travel continue to rise, the Wendell Library becomes steadily more vital to its citizens. They may request that the Bookmobile provide them with books that appeal to their special interests, and the range of choice is limitless. Children's toys and games may also be borrowed and from time to time films are shown and stories told to children.

Because of its unlimited resources, a library offers thru its books and periodicals the whole world of travel, ideas, hopes and how to fulfill them. I hope to continue to do my tiny part in keeping those dreams alive.

Library Trustee - 2 years (to fill vacancy)

Ingrid Pfohl

I have been chairwoman of the Board of Trustees for 5 months. Origionally appointed to the position of trustee, I am now running for election.

This year the Board is increasing from 6 members to 9. The reason for so many members is that the origional 6 all want to remain active, and yet there still is a lot of work to be done, which others have indicated an interest in sharing. State regulations require increases to be in multiples of 3, hence the jump from 6 to 9. This year's ballot reflects the legalization of the Board's growth in size.

INGRID PFOHL cont.

The Wendell Free Library's plans to build an energy effiecient addition are in process. A study committee will soon be set up with the main objective to seek out grants for the funding of such a project. Through the state aid program, some money has already been saved in a revolving account. The addition could be a meeting room, reading room, and a place to show films. Some type of approved composting toilet will be installed as the library has no plumbing. Grants a are also being sought for the preservation of town documents which are now being kept in the Town safe. Interested persons will be invited to provide imput into these projects.

Book buying trips usually happen about 3 times a year, another time when trustees are interested in suggestions from people. Usually the trustees are very willing to order books people want.

At this point we have the beginings of a very good solar collection, as well as a continually upgraded children's and juvenile collection.

These are goals I am personally interested in pursuing as well as maintaining the usual running of the library.

Library Trustee - 3 years
Marcia Bowers

Ms. Bowers did not chose to make a statement.

Library Trustee - 2 years
Paula Lavoie

I have only lived in Wendell for three years, but I have come to enjoy the town and its people. I have had the opportunity to use and enjoy the facilities of the library and I would very much like to be involved with the present and future projects, problems and growth of our library.

Library Trustee - 1 year
Laurel Wilson

Believing that the library is a vital part of our community, I would respect an opportunity to work as a member on the board of trustees.

Board of Health - 3 years
David Wilder

Mr. Wilder did not chose to make a statement.

Cemetery Commission - 3 years
Charles Shaw

Mr. Shaw did not chose to make a statement.

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Planning Board - 5 years
Thomas Wetherby

As I look back on my first year on the Planning Board, I feel the Board has accomplished a great deal. We have put together a protection by-law incorporating input from the townspeople. We held neighborhood meetings and used the ideas brought before us as a basis for our decisions. I feel that we are at a point in time when the town has to enact some form of by-law to keep Wendell's rural nature and real estate values in balance.

I feel that the biggest problem facing the Planning Board presently, is being a four member Board. We have had a vacancy for several months, which at times has left us stale-mated on some issues. I would greatly appreciate any interested citizens who feel they could contribute some time to please contact any member of the Board and discuss the matter.

Planning Board - 1 year (to fill vacancy)

no candidate

Town Clerk - 3 years
Anna MCB Hartjens

I've been Town Clerk since 1973. The thing I like best about being Town Clerk is the research, checking into things when something needs to be found out. I know, sometimes I get frustrated, but I really do enjoy it. I also enjoy, a great deal, meeting people and helping them out.

Treasurer - 3 years
Margaret Simos

For the past 31/2 years, I have held the position of Town Treasurer. In that time, I have become more proficient and knowledgeable of the workings of the Treasurer's office. What was once a job of paying the Towns bills and keeping records, has expanded to many federal and state reports; cash flow charts;computer sheets to translate; and mainly investing the Towns money in high yeild accounts. To maintain an orderly office and to keep tabs on the ever changing money market takes time. I am prepared to devote three more years to serve the people of Wendell and will continue to give the Town fiscal security every municipality must have in todays economy. I appreciate your confidence and support.

Tax Collector - 3 years
Judith Wilder

Ms. Wilder did not chose to make a statement.

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Moderator - 1 year

Scott Hunter

I would be very happy to serve Wendell as moderator. I would appreciate the chance to show the people of Wendell that I am responsible. I hope those who I have worked with during the last eight years will remember the times something needed to be done and I was there to do it, working hard until the job was done. I am well versed in parliamentary procedure and I will direct this energy to the job of moderator.

Michael Idoine

The choice to run for Town Meeting Moderator presents challenges for me. I have a high regard for Town Meeting. It is a form of government where concerns are expressed face to face.

Our Town Government should be the business of managing the common welfare. In a community where opinions are strong about the best way to manage ourselves, that job can sometimes be a hard one. I think that a moderator who can help to focus issues and to see that input is allowed from all sides of a debate serves to make the Town Meeting easier and more productive.

I feel decisions are usually quicker, more productive and certain when information and facts are used, rather than speculation and opinion. Facts and figures do not always suffice. A successful meeting is one where decisions are made well enough that meeting members feel good even when their side does not prevail in a vote. I hope to facilitate a balance and fairness that will make Wendell town meetings successful.

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Selectmen's Minutes

February 24, 1981

Emma Cappelluzzo and Jean Webber of the Bicentennial Committee requested the use of the money appropriated at the last annual town meeting beyond the end of the fiscal year. They also requested an article for the town meeting requesting $250

Highway Surveyor Joe Williams requested that the Board close Morse Village Rd. from Romeo Caron's house to the New Salem Town Line. Voted in the affirmative

Met with the planning board to discuss the proposed zoning regulations.

March 3,1981

Ted questioned Hwy. Surveyor Williams about where all the trucks were last Wednesday during the snow storm.
Ted questioned Joe about towing vehicles or pulling them out of ditches.
Ted stated that he had numerous phone calls about the last storm from people that were unable to get in or out.
Ted wanted to know where the trucl were during this storm. Some tar roads, West St., Montague Rd. and Locke Hill were not plowed until very late and the payroll seems excessive for the services given.

Appointed Myron Becker as the Selectmen's representative to the Millers River Advisory Board.

Ed reported on last Saturday's meeting on the Adm. Assistant. The assessment to each town is now $2,500. This represents a decrease from the proposed amount of $3,350. This is $500 more than FY 81. Ed went on to explain some of the proposed changes in the services that probably will occur as a result of the reduced budget.

March 10, 1981

Chairman Simos asked the board to sign a letter agreeing to the 15% reduction that has been made by the R.C. Mahar Regional School District. Ted says he will not sign because they have not used the additional $90,000 they received to reduce the budget. They used this to reinstate programs.

Cheryl Richardson of the School Committee complained that no Selectmen or Finance Committee member have been attending their meetings to voice these or other complaints Ted will attend next Tuesday's Mahar meeting.

The clerk informed the board of accounts that are now in financial danger: Town Counsel, Street Light Lights, Town Hall and the Fire Dept..

Appointed Dean K Bennett to the Board of Appeals.

March 17,1981

The Board discussed information concerning th FY82 budget at the Mahar Regional School. Mr. Lewis left at 7:10 p.m. to attend a budget meeting at Mahar.

A Special Town Meeting for the Planning Board's proposed by-law will be April 21,1981.

Discussed the proposed Montague steam generator incinerator. It was decided that we should support the expenditure of $75,000 for the study of this plan at the next Franklin County Advisory Board meeting.

Charles Winn of the Kimball-Cooke Insurance Co. met with the Board to discuss possible changes for FY82
Changing deductables in vehicles from $100 to $500 savings $300
from $100 to $1000 savings $700
Changing deductables in buildings from $100 to $500 Removing the coverage from the Highway and Police radios.

Christine Heard of the Wendell School Study Committee informed the Board that they have a report to the people ready. The committee would like a question placed on the annual election ballot.

Chm. Simos and Adm. Assistant Tom Guerino will go to Boston on Tues. March 31st to testify at a state house hearing for a bill prohibiting the use of pesticides.

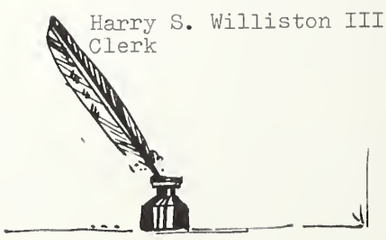
March 24,1981

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ken Simos with the Full Board, Clerk and Hwy. Surveyor present.
The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.
Raymond Avery requested appointment to the Millers River Advisory Board if there is a vacancy. We do have a vacancy and the Board unanimously voted to have Raymond appointed to it. Ed Boland wants Raymond to be sure that there is no conflict of interest with this appointment.
Hwy. Surveyor, Joseph Williams handed Chairman Simos a letter and asked that this letter become part of the minutes.
March 24, 1981. To the Board of Selectmen and Secretary, to be put in the minutes. I Joseph Williams Highyway Surveyor am very upset over the Selectmens minutes on dates especially below:
Nov. 25,1980 most of my answers not stated
Dec. 30, 1980 my answers not stated
Feb. 3, 1981 my answers not stated.
Feb. 17, 1981 on Feb. 10, 1981 Selectboard was notified that I was going on vacation and who was left in charge. In the future I would like my answers stated in the minutes and that many people in town have been getting the wrong impression on the minutes.
On the road complaints I believe I should be notified first, in stead of Selectmen, otherwise how would I know if there is a certain problem. Respectfully yours, Joseph Williams.
Discussed several dates in question. Nov.25th- Joe just said that he was not fairly represented.
Dec.30th- Mr. Williams was not present at this meeting. Ken stated that the Board gave Joe Williams permission to use the town vehicle to get his class II drivers license. This was not at the request of Mr. Williams but just a way of the Board helping if necessary. Feb.17th Mr. Williams was away at this time. He wanted it re-stated that he felt that he clearly notified the Board that he was going away on vacation.

Joe Williams informed the Board that Beavers have been at work on Old Farley Rd.
Discussed the repairs to be made a at the Town Garage as a result of the Christmas Eve accident.
Motion- that Harold Burnett be allowed to repair the damage to the town garage that was done by a citizen on Christmas Eve, 1980 and that the repairs must be made to the specifications of the Hwy. Surveyor.
Motion made by Ted Lewis, seconded by Ed Boland. Chm. Simos abstained
Dog officer, Thomas Bardsly presented a dog problem to the Board. The problem is a dog that has been bothering domestic and farm animal of a neighbor. The Board decided to send a letter to the dog owner reminding him of our restraining order and the penalties if he refuses to restrain his dog.
Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 A.M. Wendell will host the Selectmen of Northfield, Warwick, and New Salem to discuss the future of the shared executive secretary.
Discussed warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry S. Williston III
Clerk



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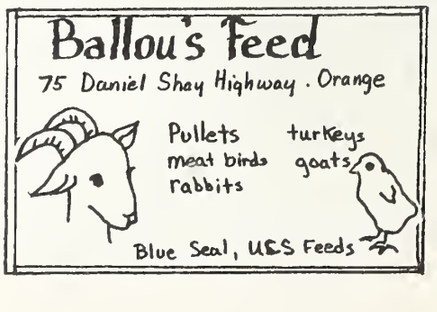


New Salem Posting

Historical Spring Walks

The Swift River Valley Historical Society will be sponsoring three spring walks for the month of May. The first walk is slated for May 2nd and will tour "The Soapstone". Wear comfortable shoes and meet at the blinker on-Rte. 122 outside Petersham at 1:00 p.m. On May 9th's destination will be "Dana Common," all interested should meet at 1:00 p.m. at gate 40 off 32A. "Greenwich" will be visited on May16th and the meeting place will be Hardwick Common at 1:00 p.m. These walks will include historical information of the sights visited.

New Salem Posting

New Salem Town Elections:

The New Salem Town Elections will be held on Monday, May 4th, all day. Candidates who are running are as follows:

Town Moderator
Robert W. Henderson

Town Clerk
Roberta S. Hunting

Treasurer
Arlene Dempsey

Tax Collector
Helen A. Wetherby

Selectmen
Marion von Mering
William Leaders
Martin Fallon Jr. write in

Board of Health
Marion von Mering
Claire Klement

Planning Board
Henry L. Cramer
Theodore Voutselas
Joshua Winder
Caroline Wilber

School Committee
Debra Eastman
Lynda M. Graves
no candidate

Auditor
Ward M. Hunting

Assessor
Robert W. Henderson

Pot Luck Supper

The New Salem Congregational Church will have its monthly pot luck supper, Saturday, May 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. All are welcomed.

NEW SALEM Old Home Day

Old Home Day will be held on July 18th this year. The committee, chaired by Roger Chouinard, holds open meetings and welcomes anyone interested in Old Home Day activities to attend.

New Salem's Annual Town Meeting Date Changed

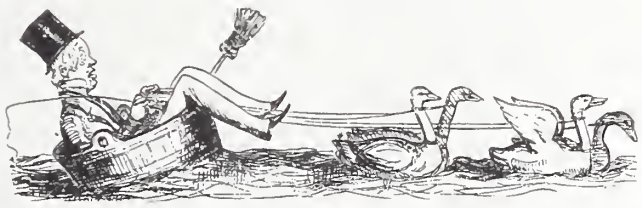
New Salem's annual town meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June , 1981. Reasons for this change are due to Proposition 21/2 and its effects on all budgets. The selectmen have received only a tentative Cherry Sheet from the state for the fiscal year of 1982. The Cherry Sheet shows receipts anticipated from the state less dispersements levied against New Salem by the state. The selectmen feel it may be more beneficial to wait for the finalized Cherry Sheet which will afford the town more definite information from which to slate its budget.

Some pertinent issues to be a addressed at the town meeting this year are as follows:

1. No hunting of deer without signed permission of landowner
2. An update report on the current status of the Academy by trustees
3. The possible election of a Finance Committee.

Library Notes

On May 6th, the New Salem Library will feature the films, "William Tell" and "Philip and the White Colt" On June 3rd, two Disney films will be shown. They are, "Cicero, the Queen's Drum Horse" and "Beaver Valley". Both shows start at 7:00 p.m. and will last one hour.



Recently a new section, New Salem Postings, was added to the Wendell Post at the request of many New Salem townspeople. Please submit any posting information to Jane Schoenberg, 544-7532.

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Campaign Statements

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Auditor - 1 year
John Pikiell

I have enjoyed my duties as Town Auditor and look forward to another year. As Town Auditor I have noticed by looking at the records that the townspeople owe a vote of thanks to its Selectmen who hold the operating costs of the town to a minimum, to the Highway Surveyor for instituting a record keeping policy, and to the Treasurer for service beyond the call of duty. We all know the importance of the Town Clerk. The officials of this town do much more than is covered by their salary. They take care of the business of running this town. It's your town, if you don't like it, do something about it.

Tree Warden - 1 year
Daniel Bacigalupo

Mr. Bacigalupo did not chose to make a statement.

ALBERT THE FROG
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The frogs met on a ring of toadstools in Mrs. Telling's field. Each one sits on a toadstool.The oldest frog named Herman,runs the meeting."Albert,my boy," said Herman, "there used to be a fine place to keep toasty warm. It was the pile of manure, mixed with straw that Mr. Powling threw out of his barn. It steamed all winter,"under that we were so cozy, winter nights all were dozy."(Herman sometimes makes rhymes also). "But then Mr. Powling sold his horse and there was no more manure pile." When Herman told this all the frogs began to cry as they sang

♪ Mr. Powling's horse is sold
♪ We are left out in the cold.

Tears streamed from their eyes, and froze in little icicles that glistened and trembled in the moonlight.

A frog named Eileen is a poet and made everybody sadder than ever by singing, "We can hee and haw and click and clack, but that old horse ain't coming back." Herman said she should not say ain't, there is no such word, she should say am not coming back. Eileen shut up then.

Herman said to Albert: "You have got to hop about two miles up the road to Marion's house. Marion loves frogs and birds and all animals. She has a mighty fine Franklin stove that keeps the house warm, and you can get in the cellar under the stove and sleep the rest of the winter.

Albert had never hopped so far before. Every time he hopped the snow flew out behind him. When he got near the big black dog named Prince he went out into the field around Prince. Along came a groundhog (woodchuck is the same thing), who gave Albert a ride on his back as far as Rickets

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Lou on the Loose

Ah, Springtime! Need more said about that? Lou thinks not. Besides, this is the election issue and I don't have much space this month, so I'll begin straight away with the latest and greatest on the ever-active Wendell music scene.

The Loose Caboose, Wendell's own reggae-rockers returned March 11th from the tropical isle of Jamica. As reported in the last issue, the trip had little resemblance to normal Caribbean vacation and their experiences were certainly out of the ordinary. Though February and March is the Jamican winter, the climate was fair and sunny with temperatures averaging 75° - 80°. Most of the Caboose's time, however, was spent in the windowless confines of Kingston's Dynamic Sound Studios, recording and polishing eight original songs to be eventually released as a long-playing album. Although there is some recording and "mix down" (the process of balancing the instruments and voices electronically) still to be completed, the master tapes are in New York City now and Caboose will spend a few weekends there with the producers to bring the project to completion.

Enthusiasm grew during the project in proportion to the finished sound of the tapes. During the three weeks, many Jamaican recording stars and session musicians dropped in to see the "American Reggae" group and listen to the 'sounds' they were putting down. Almost all were pleasantly surprised and several expressed an interest in playing on the album. Caboose met, talked, and sometimes played with artists from Bob Marley and Peter Tosh's bands, musicians who played and acted in the reggae movie Rockers and crossed paths with Tosh himself and, later, Jimmy Cliff. The intensly educational value of the actual recording aside, meeting and exchanging ideas with the cream of the international reggae community was an experience both unforgettable and inspirational. According to the producers, the sale of the tapes to a record company and their subsequent release as an LP would follow soon after.

Good Luck Loose Ones!

At Jeffrey Bauman's Wendell Recording Studio, activity has been no less feverish. Singer/pianist Julia Burrough's recordings are nearing completion and enthusiasm is running very high. Sessions with the Wendell Rangers have begun and Jeffrey reports that the initial work is their "best ever". Jefferey and Judy Stawarz have also been rehearsing with Tom and Shane Devine and all involved feel the collaboration has been very fruitful. Will we hear it soon?

Klondike, as if he wasn't busy enough with his New Orleans Festival prepration, has not only promoted, produced and provided sound for his Homefront Production concert at the Orange Town Hall with David Mallet and Eliot Osborn, but will be filling in on stage for Mallet's bassist!

Lou regrets that coverage of the local scene is somewhat scarce but Caboose activities have kept me either out of the country or just plain out of touch. More next issue. Bye!

photo by Ed Judice

David Mallet in concert

Homefront Debut

Congratulations to John "Klondike" Koehler on the success of Homefront Concert's maiden production. A large crowd of approximately 250 was drawn to hear Elliot Osborn, best known to Wendellites as a member of Outer Space Band, and recording artist David Mallet. The well organized concert came off smoothly and gracefully.

The Orange Townhall provided a classic and comfortable setting and functioned accoustically very well, enhanced by Klondike's fine sound system. Trusted Don Pugh mixed at the sound board in order for Klondike to stand in for Kent Palmer, David Mallet's usual bass player. Stage lighting by Jim's Beams, trade name of James Hiscock of Wendell, was very professionally rendered, the subtle changes in lighting adding greatly to the drama of the concert feeling.

Master of ceremonies, Jerry Stone a local figure in music circles, introduced Eliot Osborn, who started the night off with a half hour set of songs of his own creation. Eliot's unusual guitar style confused some of the audience and exhilerated many others. It was evident that Eliot has put a lot of work into the further development of his voice since his Outer Space days. Eliot quickly established an easy rapport with the audience of his old neighborhood. After several songs, Wailing Dave Robinson appeared to accompany Eliot with his magic harmonica.

After a short intermission, David Mallet, singer, song-writer, and musician from Maine, took the stage with Michael Hughes on the nylon and steel string guitar, mandolin, fiddle, autoharp and penny whistle, and Klondike on bass. David Mallet's origional and powerfully written songs and ballads created vivid impressions, amplified by his clear and commanding voice. David Mallet on the twelve and six string guitar and harmonica, with Michael Hughes, created tight instumental harmonies that were backed rythmically and consistantly by Klondike on bass. The audience was unusually receptive throughout the entire concert, showing their appreciation with long enthusiastic applause and by calling for repeated encores.

Klondike was encouraged by the good turnout and indicated that more concerts may follow later in the year. Many will look forward to more such quality concerts at our very doorstep.

Klondike expressed the desire to extend his hand of thanks to Ruth Smith, Orange Town Clerk for her help in organizing the dates, as well to Terri Nelson, Erik and Kristy von Ranson for their volunteered efforts. Klon offered his thanks to all who came out to support the concept of good concerts in Orange.

ALBERT THE FROG
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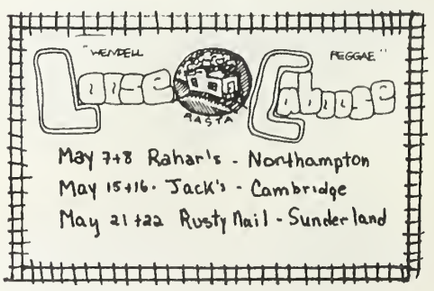
He told Albert that Marion caught his uncle in a trap that didn't hurt him, then turned him loose in the field. It was after that that the groundhog ate Marion's strawberry plants. The groundhog that carried Albert said,"now I have to put you down because I have to go back to my hole to meet the TV people. This is groundhog day and Bob Teague is coming with a camera crew to take my picture. I'll tell you beforehand that I did see my shadow, so it will be winter for another forty days."

Albert asked the groundhog, "How will I know to turn off on Marion's road?" "Well," said the groundhog,"There is a sign that says Wickett Pond Road; take that. "Too bad," Albert replied, "because I only know A,B,C and sometimes D, and the sign begins with with a letter way down at the end of the alphabet."

Anyhow, Albert made it to Marions's house, crept through a hole in the foundation, curled up next to the chimney, and has been asleep ever since. This is the end of the story.



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